

Notice of Commencement of Transit Project Assessment Process New SmartTrack Stations, Metrolinx and City of Toronto

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, the City of Toronto, and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are working collaboratively to bring more transit to communities across the city. To achieve this we are looking at ways to improve the connectivity of the transit network through the introduction of new SmartTrack stations.

THE PROJECT

The City of Toronto's SmartTrack concept proposes using the Metrolinx GO network to provide additional and more frequent transit service in the City of Toronto. Specifically, SmartTrack is an enhancement of the Metrolinx Regional Express Rail (RER) program. RER will significantly increase rail service across the GO network by providing electrified, 15 minutes or better service on five GO corridors in core areas. Six new SmartTrack stations are proposed at the following locations:

- St. Clair-Old Weston (Kitchener rail corridor near the St. Clair Avenue West / Old Weston Road intersection);
- King-Liberty (Kitchener rail corridor near the King Street West / Sudbury Street intersection);
- East Harbour (Lakeshore East/Stouffville rail corridor between the Don River and Eastern Avenue);
- Gerrard-Carlaw (Lakeshore East/Stouffville rail corridor at the Gerrard Street East / Carlaw Avenue intersection);
- Lawrence-Kennedy (Stouffville rail corridor at Lawrence Avenue East); and
- Finch-Kennedy (Stouffville rail corridor at Finch Avenue East).

THE PROCESS

Metrolinx and the City of Toronto, as co-proponents, are assessing the environmental impacts of the six new SmartTrack stations in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings*.

As part of the TPAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) will be filed documenting any potential environmental effects and mitigation requirements of the Project. Viewing locations for the agency and public review of the EPR will be published in the Notice of Completion. Documents related to the new SmartTrack stations, including planning studies and consultation materials, are available at www.metrolinx.com/newstations and www.smarttrack.to. Draft technical studies will be provided for review at these websites as they become available.

CONSULTATION

We thank everyone for their feedback to-date. As we formally commence the TPAP, we continue to encourage members of the public, regulatory agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons to actively participate in the TPAP by visiting the project websites or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. Your participation is an important part of this process and we welcome your input.

More information will follow regarding further consultation opportunities during the TPAP. If you have project-related questions, would like to be added to the Project's mailing list, or would like to provide input at any time, please contact either the City of Toronto or Metrolinx at:

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